

**GOVERNMENT OF  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES**

**Request for Proposal – Negotiation  
Professional Services**

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Date: October 11, 2019

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RFP No. 005-T-2020 (P)

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Pursuant to 31 V.I.C. 239 (a) (4) and Rules and Regulations thereunder issued, the Government of the Virgin Islands, Department of Property and Procurement will receive proposals for the work described below. Proposals will be received no later than **Monday, November 4, 2019 @ 4:00 o'clock p.m.** Atlantic Standard Time.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:**

Emergency Territorial and Federal Roadside Clearance for hurricane/disaster related projects on the islands of St. Thomas, St. John and Water Island, U.S. Virgin Islands.

**SCOPE OF WORK: See Attached**

## **NEGOTIATED PROCEDURES:**

The Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement will appoint a Selection Committee to assist in the evaluation and selection of the Contractor. Accordingly, current data on qualifications and performance should be submitted with proposals. After reviewing the qualifications and proposals, the Committee will select for discussions from the firm/s or person/s considered not less than three (3), in order of preference, **deemed to be most highly qualified to provide the services herein required.** Discussions will be conducted successively and severally with the firms or persons so selected the anticipated concepts and the relative utility alternative methods of approach for furnishing the services hereunder.

## **FACTORS FOR DISCUSSIONS**

Selection criteria will include **(i)** Professional qualification, registration and general reputation of principals of the firm or person; **(ii)** the extent to which the firm or person specializes in or has provided services of a type and scope similar to the hereunder; **(iii)** familiarity with the location (s) in which services will be performed; **(iv)** capability of meeting schedules; and **(v)** quality of performance on other similar projects.

## **NEGOTIATION:**

The Selection Committee shall recommend to the Commissioner **the highest qualified firm or person with whom a contract shall be negotiated.** The Commissioner, with the assistance of the Selection Committee, shall attempt to negotiate a contract with such firm or person.

Should the Commissioner be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified, at a price he determines to be fair and reasonable to the Government, negotiations with that firm will be formally terminated. Negotiations will then commence with the second most qualified, the third most qualified or additional firms, in order of preference, and shall continue until an agreement is reached.

Anthony D. Thomas  
Commissioner  
Department of Property and Procurement

## INSTRUCTION TO PROPOSERS

### A. NOTICE

**RFP-005-T-2020 (P)** Emergency Territorial and Federal Roadside Clearance for hurricane/disaster related projects on the islands of St. Thomas, St. John and Water Island, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Information provided in the scope of work is to be used only for purposes of preparing a proposal. It is further expected that each bidder will read the scope of work thoroughly, for failure to meet certain specified conditions may invalidate the proposal.

The Government of the Virgin Islands, herein after referred to as GVI, reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or any portion thereof and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to GVI. Price shall not be the sole criterion of awarding this project. Scope and quality of work proposed and the ability of the bidder to complete this type of project shall also be considered.

Applicants are requested to submit proposals on the basis of the scope of work. Alternative proposals recommending new features and technology other than that requested in the scope of work will receive consideration providing such new features and/or technology is clearly explained. Any exceptions to the requirements requested herein must be clearly noted in writing and be included as part of the proposal.

The information contained herein is believed to be accurate but is not to be considered in any way as a warranty. Request for additional information clarifying the Scope of Work should be directed in writing to **Chief Deputy Commissioner of Procurement, Lisa M. Alejandro** at [lisa.alejandro@dpp.vi.gov](mailto:lisa.alejandro@dpp.vi.gov).

### B. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To assist the Government of the Virgin Islands in meeting the requirement for the following service: **RFP-005-T-2020 (P)** Emergency Territorial and Federal Roadside Clearance for hurricane/disaster related projects on the islands of St. Thomas, St. John and Water Island, U.S. Virgin Islands.

### C. PROPOSE SCOPE OF WORK

See Attached.

#### **D. TIMETABLE**

1. Last day for request for written clarification will be **Wednesday, October 23, 2019 @ 12:00 o'clock p.m.** Atlantic Standard Time.
2. Proposals will be accepted at Department of Property & Procurement, no later than **Monday, November 4, 2019 @ 4:00 o'clock p.m.** Atlantic Standard Time.

#### **E. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL**

All interested parties shall submit *one (1)* original and *four (4)* copy sets of proposals, which shall be delivered to the Department of Property and Procurement no later than **Monday, November 4, 2019 @ 4:00 p. m.** Atlantic Standard Time.

They shall be addressed to:

Anthony D. Thomas  
Commissioner  
Property & Procurement  
8201 Subbase, 3rd Floor  
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

**THE SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE PROPOSAL MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WRITTEN ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE OR PACKAGE:**

SEALED PROPOSALS-DO NOT OPEN

**RFP-005-T-2020 (P)**

(Name of Bidder)

(Mailing Address of Bidder)

(Telephone Number of Bidder)

(Fax Number of Bidder)

Where proposals are sent by mail, the bidder shall be responsible for their delivery to Department of Property & Procurement before the date and time set for the closing of acceptance of proposals.

## **G. INTERPRETATION OF SPECIFICATIONS**

If any person contemplating submitting a proposal requires clarification of any part of the scope of work, he/she may submit to the GVI a written request for an interpretation thereof to the **Deputy Commissioner of Procurement, Mrs. Lisa M. Alejandro**. GVI will not respond to questions received after the above established date. Oral explanations will not be binding.

## **H. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL**

The Commissioner of Property and Procurement shall represent and act for GVI in all matters pertaining to the scope of work and contract in conjunction therewith. **This RFP does not commit GVI to the award of a contract, nor pay of any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. GVI reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to disregard any informality and/or irregularity in the proposal when, in its opinion, the best interest of GVI will be served by such action.** Proposals failing to provide some of the items in the scope of work shall not be rejected per se but any deviations from the scope must be clearly noted.

## **I. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS**

GVI will notify in writing acceptance of one of the proposals. Failure to provide any supplementary documentation to comply with the respondent's proposal may be grounds for disqualification.

## **J. CONTENTS OF PROPOSAL**

The following is a list of information to be included in the written proposal. Failure to comply with all the requirements as outlined below, **will** disqualify the applicant and the proposal will be deemed non-responsive.

1. Organization:
  - a. Provide a listing of staff available for the project.
  - b. Current Virgin Islands Business License that will be accepted for this project only:
    1. Equipment Rental
    2. Landscaping, Gardening & Maintenance Service
    3. Garbage Removal
    4. Trucking, Transportation & Delivery

- c. Current trade name registration certificate (Sole Proprietors), if applicable.
  - d. Certificate of Good Standing dated July 1, 2019 or later.
  - e. Articles of Incorporation (for Corporations) or Articles of Organization (LLCs) or qualification (Limited Partnerships), if applicable.
2. Provide listing of Sub-contractors that will be retained for this project and percentage of work to be sub-contracted.

**NOTE: A company or individual cannot submit a bid proposal and at the same time be listed as a subcontractor on another company's proposal for the same project.**

3. Project experience:
- a. Provide a listing of projects performed within the last three (3) years. Include a brief description of the work performed and cost of each project.
  - b. Provide a listing of projects currently being performed. Include a brief description of the project and percentage completed.
4. Equipment Listing

#### **K. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

A proposer filing a proposal hereby certifies that no officer, agent or employee of GVI has a pecuniary interest in this proposal or has participated in contract negotiations on behalf of GVI; that the proposal is made in good faith without fraud, collusion, or connection of any kind with any other Bidder for the same request for proposals; the Bidder is competing solely in its own behalf without connection with, or obligation to, any undisclosed person or firm.

#### **L. LICENSE REQUIREMENT**

An award will not be made to any firm or individual doing business in the Virgin Islands with the Government of the Virgin Islands until evidence is submitted that said firm or individual has a valid Virgin Islands Business License. Bidders must submit hard copy of a valid Virgin Islands Business License within ten (10) business days after contract award. All Bidders bidding as Joint Ventures must be licensed as a Joint Venture in the Virgin Islands.

## **M. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

1. **PUBLIC LIABILITY:** The successful bidder will be required to obtain and have in place public liability insurance and other insurance necessary as requested in this proposal package. Insurance policy(ies) shall name the Government of the Virgin Islands as "**Additional Insured**". The public liability insurance shall have a minimum limit of not less than **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)** for any one occurrence for death or personal injury and **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)** for any one occurrence for property damage. Bidder must provide public liability insurance within ten (10) business days after award. For additional guidance, select link below (List of Mandatory Documents).
2. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION:** Within ten (10) business days after award of contract, the successful bidder must submit a copy of their certificate verifying his firm and agents are covered by Workers' Compensation Insurance.

**FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE CERTIFICATES WITHIN THE STATED TIME PERIOD MAY RESULT IN THE PROPOSAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE AND MAY BE IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED WITH NO FURTHER CONSIDERATION GIVEN FOR POTENTIAL AWARDING OF THE CONTRACT.**

**\*\*ATTACHED TO THE SCOPE OF WORK IS A LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO CONTRACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THAT WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO AWARD OF CONTRACT.**